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By G. B. LOVING, Manager.
FORT WORTH, TEX., Sept. 10, 1885.

An exchange asks, are the Mugwumps wobbly? If the question refers to their feet, yes.

Judging from the election returns, we should conclude that Ohio is remarkably free from material influences this year.

Ben Bixler remarked in court the other day that he had never burned the truth. We doubt if truth could say the same thing of Ben.

Perhaps the Dallas Times is asserting wiser than it knows in predicting that the Fort Worth refrigerator works will resume work when frost comes.

Mrs. Moriarity, proprietress of the Yale chop-house, who has just died, left an estate of \$40,000. This perhaps explains why Yale never turned out fat graduates.

Dallas estimates its heavy capitalists, not by their bank account, but by their avoidances—a man who weighs two hundred pounds is considered a heavy capitalist, if his notes do go to protest.

JOHN SULLIVAN has a larger income than the salaries of governor of Massachusetts, the mayor of Boston and the president of Harvard university combined. Boston culture does not join.

QUEEN VICTORIA is becoming interested in American hotels, and rumor says she thinks of investing in the business. If she wants the best location in the Union, she should come to Fort Worth before investing elsewhere.

DR. TATUM claims to have reliable information that people who go to heaven will each be given a room sixteen feet square. Still this can be but little inducement to a man from Texas, where the executive demands 1600 acres for every cow as elbow room.

The fact that Attorney-General Garland owns a block of Pan-Electric telephone stock excites a great deal of indignation among Republican organs. The fact that he came by it honestly is to them no palliation of such a grave offense. But perhaps it may mollify them somewhat to recall that the late Republican candidate for the presidency once drove a very sharp bargain in an exchange of official influence for railroad bonds.

The city authorities of Fort Worth have all the power required to open streets. Gov. Brown's consent is not necessary to do this. The effort to belittle the importance of Gov. Brown's invitation and to urge the sending of men to St. Louis because they own property on a certain street, is to be held to the possibilities of such conference. Gov. Brown would hardly ask men to travel fifteen hundred miles and leave their business to consult him about opening a street in Fort Worth.

Also state that the Ohio Republican

nishes an indorsement of all the malicious slanders that John Sherman and the Republican leaders perpetrated against the South, it would be eminently proper to carry on the movement already inaugurated in certain quarters to completely ignore Ohio in a commercial sense. Men whose daily avocation is to traduce the Southern people certainly deserve no favors from them. Patience under such wanton vilification is ceasing to be a virtue. Southern business men have a speedy remedy in their hands and we believe it right that they should use it.

THE ISSUE OF CONSISTENCY.

The Houston Post replies to THE GAZETTE's charge of dodging on the land question by a plea of change of opinion. It admits the advocacy at one time of what it is now pleased to term free grass, and defends itself by a quotation of that very truthful aphorism, "Wise men change their opinions." In extension of its fickleness, the Post endeavors to convict THE GAZETTE of the same offense, and asserts that "the same hand that now directs the editorial pen of THE GAZETTE directed it when, during the extra session of the Eighteenth legislature, that paper denounced free grass as communism." The absurdity of such a statement will be appreciated by the newspaper readers of that day. THE GAZETTE was the first to denounce fence-riding and that kind of free grass which denominated fence-riding as communism. THE GAZETTE, also, almost single-handed, contended that the builder of illegal fences should receive the same punishment as the man who cut them.

We are willing to concede that "wise men change their opinions," but the necessity for an active opposition to land monopoly in Texas seems so apparent that we cannot conceive any reason why "wise men" should abandon it. Some day we expect to see the Post change again, and then it will be willing to repeat the assertion that "When an acre of land is leased it is irretrievably gone from settlement for the term of the lease, no matter how long that is."

VERY, VERY REFRESHING.

THE GAZETTE is publishing everything it can trumpet that will have a tendency to keep settlers out of Texas. Its latest is giving great prominence to a letter from Gov. Ireland in which he says he does not desire promiscuous immigration, but wants to see good men with vim and energy come to the state. All forthright sentiment meets the approbation of a majority of the people of the state. THE GAZETTE, however, thinks it will keep people away from Texas. It publishes the letter as conspicuously as possible, so that it may have as much effect in keeping off newcomers as possible. THE GAZETTE is peculiar—it forbids Telegrams.

THE GAZETTE did not "trump up" Ireland's letter to Baker, and if that letter has a tendency to keep settlers out of Texas, the fault is not in THE GAZETTE, but in the governor, and if the letter of the governor has this tendency, what shall be said of the approval of that letter "by a majority of the people of the state"? THE GAZETTE, however, denies the truth of the Telegram's statement that the sentiment in the governor's letter meets the approval of a majority of the people of Texas, and this denial is substantiated by the efforts of our people to induce immigration.

What do the mossbacks mean by "promiscuous immigration"? No one invites paupers or criminals to Texas. Are poor men not wanted here by the Telegram? Are poor men not good men—and men of vim and energy? It is not the rich man who opens up the frontier. It is not the rich man who, as pioneer, leads the way to population, progress, development and greatness? Poor men as inhabitants aided by railroads have made Texas what it is, and are now, many of them, the rich men of the state. If Texas depends on land syndicates and corporations to develop its resources and populate its untamed fields, West Texas will forever remain a pasture for raising calves. It is the men with a wagon, a yoke of oxen, or a span of horses, a wife, a lot of foot-headed children and a few split-bottomed chairs who have advanced the line of population westward—and these are the men needed in West Texas to-day. If gubernatorial letters have the effect of keeping out new comers then gubernatorial letter-writers must bear the blame.

WHAT IT COSTS.

A few days since THE GAZETTE called attention to the indirect injury inflicted upon our city and county by reason of the excessive damages granted by our courts in suits against corporations, thereby inducing non-residents to institute suits in this county instead of the counties where the plaintiff resided or in which the damage was done. It has now some figures to present for the consideration of the tax-payers, who compose the juries before whom these cases are tried. It is not practicable to ascertain the exact number of suits brought in the courts of this county by non-residents, but placing the number at ten, which is certainly the minimum, and devoting one day to each case (and they more frequently consume two or more days), the cost to the tax-payers is easily computed.

There are twenty-four jurors in attendance on the court at a cost of \$2 per day each, which is \$48 per day, or \$480 for ten days. The incidental expenses of the court for balliffs, stationery, fuel, etc., would, at a low estimate, be \$10 per day, or one hundred dollars for the ten days. There are forty-four prisoners in the county jail at this time awaiting trial, at a cost to the county of thirty cents each per day, making thirteen dollars and

twenty cents per day; or, for ten days, one hundred and thirty-two dollars, making an aggregate of seven hundred and twelve dollars at each term of the court, or twenty-one hundred and thirty-six dollars per year. This estimate is for the district court alone. It is impracticable to estimate the loss to individuals who have a right to have their causes litigated in their own courts; but \$2100 is too great a sum for the tax-payers to pay, but non-residents may collect "smart money" from corporations having offices here. Twenty-one hundred dollars per annum expended upon the roads of the county would save many a poor farmer a blacksmith's bill, or a set of harness, and much valuable time. Let the juries find just verdicts against railroads, as they would against individuals, and disregard the appeals for exemplary damages because the defendant is a rich corporation, and the individual who suffers damage at Sedalia will not find it to his interest to bring his suit in Tarrant county. This expense would be saved to the tax-payers of Tarrant county, and the cases of our own people would be sooner disposed by the courts, which our citizens are taxed to support.

The Gazette O. K.

Paris News.

North Texas can sustain THE GAZETTE and one good paper at Dallas, but not two.

A Booming Owl.

Abilene Reporter.

The Fort Worth GAZETTE has an editorial on town booms. If THE GAZETTE wants to see the boomiest boom it has ever boomed, it should come to Abilene as soon as the location of the Santa Fe is made public. The directors know the road is coming to Abilene, it is true, but there are so many big investments waiting on an official declaration of that intention.

Honors Are Easy.

Bascom Signal.

The Fort Worth Daily GAZETTE is on our table as full of interesting reading as ever. There is no paper in Texas that has gained so wide and favorable a reputation as THE GAZETTE in so short a time. It is a live paper and is fearless in its advocacy of principles, local, social and political. We can't do without THE GAZETTE, notwithstanding the inequality of the exchange, but hope in some way to make "honors easy."

Afraid of a Crowd.

Paris News.

Since we think of it, John Ireland was always afraid of too much immigration. In the days "before de wiah" he was a Know-nothing, and didn't want any more foreigners. "America for Americans," was his cry. Now he says "Texas for Texans," or words to that effect. If he was elected to the United States senate next year he might want to close the ports of this country against all emigrant-bearing ships.

Information Wanted.

Abilene Reporter.

Julia Merry of New Jersey married and moved to Texas some years ago. Her husband's name is not known nor her place of residence. A legacy has been left her by a relative lately deceased. Information very interesting and valuable to her may be had by addressing the editor of this paper. Any friend of the lady who may know of her whereabouts will do her a kindness by informing her of this, or sending her address to us.

The Dead Lucille.

Abilene Reporter.

R. S. Kirby of Jones county went to Fort Worth, claimed his sister's remains, paid all costs of embalming, etc.,—repacked the so-called friends and buried her in the city cemetery. The stone over the grave bears the inscription, "Born Nov. 24, '67; died Oct. 3, '85. She was forsaken by the world, but God never forsakes." Thus ends a tragedy in which as usual the woman is spurned and suffers, but man, the instrument of her ruin, even goes free of censure. Uneven justice.

Unjust Road Law.

Wichita Falls Herald.

The road law is at present receiving such attention as will bring it before the legislature for a revision. There is no question but what it stands sadly in need of repairs, as under the present system but little attention is paid to the working or establishing of roads. It has been suggested that the employment of constables to watch the public thoroughfares would be advisable, and while this may be true, it would not be a mistake to tax every property-owner, resident, or non-resident, for the purpose of keeping up the roads of the country. To compel a man who does not own a dollar's worth of real estate in a county to contribute five days' labor or \$5 to the improvement of some one else's property, while the same property-owner is a non-resident and escapes the law, is anything but just. What we need is a more just and unobtrusive road law, and then the present evil will be remedied.

A Word Against High License.

SAN ANGELO, TEX., Oct. 12, 1885.

To the Editor of the Gazette:
I have just tumbled to this high-license racket. It is a cunning and contemptible scheme. There is no justice in high license, and it is a bigger humbug than prohibition, that lately turned up its toes to the Texas public. If I have a right to drink whisky, no other fellow has any more right to tax me for doing so than I have to tax him for rating his digestion drinking ginger-pop and soda-water; and if I have not such right the state cannot confer it, and it is wrong for her to license its sale for that purpose. I see through this temperance dodge and high-license programme. It is a scheme of the rich to place the burden of taxation on the poor. I am not such a fool as to think distillers and dealers are out anything on licenses and liquor taxes. It is I and men like me that do all the paying of United States tax, state tax, county tax, city tax, and all the losses and expenses incident to the liquor traffic.

I tell you the whole scheme of high license is a put-up job on the liquor drinkers. Every 30 cents worth of whisky I drink is spiked with a dollar's worth of taxes, and there are precious few of them allowed to stand on the delinquent list. High license is an injustice and oppression that invites the wolves of famine and destitution to enter the poor man's door, and sends the wedding-ring to pawn for bread. If it were not for the tax on

whisky it would be two drinks for a nickel, and a poor man would have part of his earnings left to bestow on his family and make his home a more comfortable place than the saloon. I say, let what a man eats and drinks go free, and let them that have property and need the protection of government pay the taxes for its support.
W. W. S.

How They Can Help Us.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 14, 1885.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

DEAR SIR: After spending the summer in Texas and going home and returning again, I have studied the subject of emigration from several points. Although it is now large, still it is not large enough in proportion to the number of people leaving the old states to seek homes, and I am convinced that the principal reason of the deficiency is that people are not educated up to the Texas advantages as they have been for years to the advantages of the Northwest and of Kansas. For instance in our own section, Central Ohio, all ticket offices are distributing points for Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota literature. The Kansas and Northwestern roads in general have paid liberal commissions on the sale of tickets and the same points, very many I believe, they had a chance to make commissions on lands sold by the companies or in the territory near railroads. Those railroads could very well afford to pay liberal commissions to any one that would help settle up the country near them, as it not only advanced the prices of their own lands but made business for the roads.

This question of paying commissions on tickets to Texas points is now being discussed pro and con here. As far as the roads are concerned it looks like very short sighted business to shut off the small commissions now given. One would think they would take advantage of the experience of the North-western roads and increase them. The prices in the Northwest range much higher than better land in Texas sells for, because the flow of emigrants is constant and in the end the purchaser of the land pays all the expenses, commissions included.

Our only plan to induce emigrants to visit Texas is, still keep before them the delightful climate, the rich soil, the ease with which crops are produced and the small loss of time to the laboring man from bad weather. It takes lots of wind to talk against Kansas and Nebraska men, but we have the facts to back us. How much easier if the Eastern agents were at our backs helping us as they help the Northwestern landmen, or if they were only neutral. I do not speak of the agents in my own place here, for they have always been very kind and obliging, and often of much assistance; but generally, with the same talk and advertising, the tide could be turned in this direction if they only got the same pay for doing it.
C. McD.

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